

BACKGROUND RESOURCES ON THE CHILD AND ADULT CORE SETS

This resource list includes reporting and analytic resources related to the Child and Adult Core Sets as well as other quality measurement resources. We hope these resources will help inform the 2027 Child and Adult Core Sets Annual Review.

Core Sets Reporting Years and the Annual Review Cycle

First, it might be helpful to understand the Core Sets reporting and review cycle, as we work on multiple years simultaneously. The resources listed cover one or more of these reporting years.

- The most recent publicly reported data are for the **2022 Child and Adult Core Sets**; information for the federal fiscal year (FFY) 2022 reporting cycle was released by the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) in fall 2023. Links are provided below.
- State reporting of data for the **2023 Child and Adult Core Sets** is complete. Tables with state-specific FFY 2023 performance data for each publicly reported Core Set measure will be available by September 30, 2024.
- The technical specifications and related resources for the **2024 Child and Adult Core Sets** were released in January 2024. Links are provided below.
- The State Health Official (SHO) Letter describing updates to the **2025 Child and Adult Core Sets** was released in May 2024. The SHO is available at <https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/sho24001.pdf>.
 - The **2025 Child and Adult Core Sets** measure lists were also released in May 2024. Links are provided below.
- State reporting of data for the **2024 Child and Adult Core Sets** starts in September 2024 and will close on December 31, 2024; state reporting of data for the **2025 Child and Adult Core Sets** will take place in fall 2025.
- The final report of the 2026 Child and Adult Core Sets Annual Review, containing recommendations for the **2026 Child and Adult Core Sets**, is available at <https://www.mathematica.org/features/MACCoreSetReview>. CMCS has indicated a goal to release the 2026 Child and Adult Core Sets as soon as the end of 2024.
- More information about the Child and Adult Core Sets Annual Review and Selection Process is available at <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/downloads/annual-core-set-review.pdf>.

2025 Core Set Reporting Resources

The 2027 Child and Adult Core Sets Annual Review Workgroup is charged with recommending improvements to the 2025 Child and Adult Core Sets. The following resources related to the 2025 Core Set measures are available on Medicaid.gov.

- The **2025 Child and Adult Core Sets** measure lists show the measure names, measure stewards, CMS Measures Inventory Tool (CMIT) number, and the data collection method.
 - The 2025 Child Core Set measure list is available at <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/downloads/2025-child-core-set.pdf>.
 - The 2025 Adult Core Set measure list is available at <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/downloads/2025-adult-core-set.pdf>.
- The **2025 Core Sets History Table** provides a list of the measures included in the Child Core Set from 2010 to 2025 and in the Adult Core Set from 2013 to 2025. The table also documents CMS's reasons for adding and

removing measures over time. The table is available at <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/downloads/core-set-history-table.pdf>.

- In May 2024, CMS released a State Health Official (SHO) letter with updates to the 2025 Child and Adult Core Sets and mandatory reporting guidance. The letter details the requirements and expectations for mandatory reporting. More information is available at <https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/sho24001.pdf>.

2024 Core Sets Reporting Resources

The 2024 Child and Adult Core Sets reporting resources provide detailed information on the technical specifications and technical assistance resources to help states report the Core Sets measures. The following 2024 Core Set reporting resources are available on Medicaid.gov at the links shown in the bullets or in the table below.

- In August 2023, CMS released the final rule for Mandatory Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Core Set Reporting. Beginning in FFY 2024, mandatory state reporting goes into effect for all the Child Core Set measures and behavioral health measures on the Adult Core Set. More information is available at <https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection/2023-18669/mandatory-medicaid-and-childrens-health-insurance-program-core-set-reporting>.
- The **FFY 2024 Core Sets Technical Specifications and Resource Manuals** describe the history of the Core Sets, provide general information on data collection and reporting, and include technical specifications and measure-specific reporting guidance for each measure included in the 2024 Core Sets.
- A **Summary of Updates** describes the changes between the FFY 2023 and FFY 2024 resource manuals.
- **FFY 2024 Data Quality Checklists** help states improve the completeness, accuracy, consistency, and documentation of data reported for the Core Sets measures. The checklists include common issues noted in reviewing state data, and help states review the data entered into the web-based reporting system.
- **FFY 2024 Core Sets Measurement Period Tables** specify the measurement period for the denominators, numerators, and continuous enrollment periods for each Core Set measure.
- **FFY 2024 Reporting Stratified Results in the QMR System** resource identifies the stratification categories and subcategories for FFY 2024 reporting of the Core Set measures and provides additional reporting guidance.

Child Core Set	Adult Core Set
FFY 2024 Technical Specifications and Resource Manual	FFY 2024 Technical Specifications and Resource Manual
FFY 2024 Summary of Changes	FFY 2024 Summary of Changes
FFY 2024 Data Quality Checklist	FFY 2024 Data Quality Checklist
FFY 2024 Measurement Period Table	FFY 2024 Measurement Period Table
FFY 2024 Reporting Stratified Results in the QMR System	FFY 2024 Reporting Stratified Results in the QMR System

2023 Core Sets Measure Performance

As noted above, tables with FFY 2023 performance data for each publicly reported Core Set measure will be available by September 30, 2024. These tables will be posted at the following links under the “Annual Reporting” section:

- Child Core Set: <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/performance-measurement/adult-and-child-health-care-quality-measures/childrens-health-care-quality-measures/index.html#AnnualReporting>
- Adult Core Set: <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/performance-measurement/adult-and-child-health-care-quality-measures/adult-health-care-quality-measures/index.html#AnnualReporting>

2022 Core Sets Measure Performance

FFY 2022 is the most recent year of public reporting available. The following resources are available on Medicaid.gov at the links shown in the table below:

- The **Summary Fact Sheet** provides an overview of findings from FFY 2022 reporting of the Child and Adult Core Sets.
- The **Child and Adult Core Sets Chart Packs** summarize state reporting on all 2022 Child and Adult Core Sets measures; they also provide summary performance data on frequently reported measures.
- **Performance on the Child and Adult Core Sets Measures** is presented through tables for each frequently reported measure, which is defined as being reported by 25 or more states and which met CMS’s standards for data quality. The tables show state-level performance, including the population, methodology, denominator, and rate.
- **Child and Adult Quality Measures Datasets** are raw data files that provide summary and state-level performance data on frequently reported Child and Adult Core Sets measures.

These resources are available for each Core Set at the links below:

Child Core Set	Adult Core Set
Child Core Set Home Page	Adult Core Set Home Page
Summary Fact Sheet: Quality of Care for Children and Adults in Medicaid and CHIP: Overview of Findings from the 2022 Child and Adult Core Sets	Summary Fact Sheet: Quality of Care for Children and Adults in Medicaid and CHIP: Overview of Findings from the 2022 Child and Adult Core Sets
Child Core Set Chart Pack, FFY 2022	Adult Core Set Chart Pack, FFY 2022
Performance on the Child Core Set Measures, FFY 2022	Performance on the Adult Core Set Measures, FFY 2022
Child Health Quality Measures Dataset, FFY 2022	Adult Health Quality Measures Dataset, FFY 2022

Medicaid and CHIP Scorecard

The Medicaid and CHIP Scorecard was released in 2018 to increase public transparency about the programs’ administration and outcomes. The State Health System Performance pillar includes publicly reported measures that show how states serve Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries across the life span.

- Information about the Medicaid and CHIP Scorecard is available at <https://www.medicaid.gov/state-overviews/scorecard/index.html>.
- While many of the measures in the State Health System Performance pillar of the Scorecard are included in the Child and Adult Core Sets, not all measures in the Child and Adult Core Sets are included in the Scorecard.
- The 2023 Scorecard generally includes Child and Adult Core Set data from the FFY 2020–FFY 2022 reporting cycles.

Other Quality Measurement Resources

This section identifies additional quality measurement resources that may inform the discussion of measures for addition to or removal from the 2027 Child and Adult Core Sets, including efforts to reduce reporting burden, facilitate alignment, and address gaps.

- The **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Measure Inventory Tool (CMIT)** is the repository of record for information about the measures that CMS uses to promote health care quality and quality improvement. The searchable database provides information on more than 2,000 measures, including title, numerator, denominator, exclusions, measure type, reporting status, use in federal and other programs, measure steward, placement in cascade of Meaningful Measures, and other attributes. The tool is available at

<https://cmit.cms.gov/cmit/>. A public access quick start guide for CMIT is available at <https://cmit.cms.gov/cmit/assets/CMIT-QuickStartPublicAccess.pdf>.

- The **Cascade of Meaningful Measures** is a tool CMS developed to help prioritize existing health care quality measures, align or reduce measures where there are too many, and identify gaps where new measures may need to be developed. The tool starts by utilizing the eight health care priorities of the Meaningful Measures 2.0 Framework. More information is available at <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/meaningful-measures-framework/cascade-measures>.
- The **Core Quality Measures Collaborative (CQMC)** is a public-private partnership to facilitate measure alignment across payers through the creation of core sets of quality measures. The CQMC aims to reduce burden by identifying high-impact, evidence-based measures and by eliminating redundancies and inconsistencies in measure specifications and reporting requirements across payers. More information is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/QualityMeasures/Core-Measures>.
- CMS is exploring the use of **Transformed Medicaid Statistical Information System (T-MSIS)** data to calculate Child and Adult Core Sets measures on behalf of states in order to reduce state burden and increase consistency across states. More information about T-MSIS is available at <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/data-systems/macbis/transformed-medicaid-statistical-information-system-t-msis/index.html>. More information about the **T-MSIS Analytic Files (TAF)** used to calculate the measures is available at <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/data-systems/macbis/medicaid-chip-research-files/transformed-medicaid-statistical-information-system-t-msis-analytic-files-taf/index.html>. This link also contains information about a series of new Health Equity Data Briefs. The **DQ (Data Quality) Atlas** provides information about TAF data quality by topic and by state and is available at <https://www.medicaid.gov/dq-atlas/welcome>.
- The **Medicaid and CHIP Beneficiary Profile** and **Medicaid and CHIP At-a-Glance Infographic** provide an overview of the characteristics, health status, access, utilization, expenditures, and experience of Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries. The latest versions of the profile and infographic, which were published in April 2023 and include special sections on health-related social needs, are available at <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/medicaid-chip-data-products/index.html>.

For More Information

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